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SUBJECT: ALGERIA SUFFERING FROM DROUGHT

1. DROUGHT WHICH HAS AFFLICTED OTHER MAGHREB STATES IN 1977 HAS NOT SPARED ALGERIA. ALGERIAN AUTHORITIES NOT GIVING INFORMATION ON SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION, BUT RUMORS ABOUND. SEVERAL MOSQUES REPORTEDLY HAVE OFFERED PRAYERS FOR RAIN AS PART OF REGULAR FRIDAY SERVICES. MUNICIPAL WATER RESERVOIRS ALREADY ARE ABNORMALLY LOW, AND MANY ALGIERS RESIDENTS, INCLUDING SEVERAL EMBASSY FAMILIES, EXPERIENCING PERIODIC WATER CUT-COFFS.

2. ALTHOUGH MOST CULTIVATED AREAS OF ALGERIA HAVE RECEIVED AT LEAST SOME RAIN DURING PAST WEEK, SITUATION REGARDING 1977 HARVEST REMAINS SERIOUS. CONSERVATIVE INFORMED OBSERVERS ESTIMATE THAT THIRTY PERCENT OF WHEAT CROP HAS BEEN LOST. OTHERS, EQUALLY WELL-INFORMED, PLACE THE FIGURE AT FIFTY PERCENT. WE HAVE REPORTS THAT IN LARGE AREAS OF CONSTANTINE REGION CROPS HAVE BEEN TOTALLY LOST.

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3. COMMENT: IT TOO EARLY TO TELL FULL EXTENT OF DAMAGE, BUT IT CERTAIN THAT 1977 HARVEST WILL NOT APPROACH THE BUMPER CROP OF 1976. MORE LIKELY 1977 WILL BE REPEAT OF RELATIVELY POOR HARVESTS OF EARLY 1970'S. TENTATIVELY EMBASSY BELIEVES GRAIN HARVEST WILL NOT EXCEED 1.4 MILLION TONS. THIS WOULD IMPLY REQUIREMENT TO IMPORT

AT LEAST ONE MILLION TONS BETWEEN JULY1, 1977, AND JULY,
1978. WE AWARE THAT SEVERAL GRAIN BROKERS ALREADY
DISCUSSING SITUATION WITH GOA OFFICIALS, BUT WE DO NOT
RPT NOT HAVE INDICATIONS OF PRESENT PLANS TO BUY LARGE
QUANTITIES FROM US. INDUSTRY OPINION IS THAT
GOA WILL WISH FIRST TO OBTAIN MAXIMUM QUANTITY POSSIBLE
FROM CANADA UNDER AGREEMENT SIGNED LAST YEAR.DUNBAR

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